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The Nationalist garrison in Hengyang* has capitulated to the Communists.

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- As of 31 July the regular Nationalist military strength included thirty armies, five divisions and two cavalry brigades, totalling 800,000 troops. These units are intact.
- There are also 35 armies, a total of 360,000 troops, in training which have been reorganized with the same designations from the original units destroyed by the Communists.
- There are also ten armies, two divisions and six cavalry brigades, totalling 260,000 troops, which are characterized as "unreliable" because of the political affiliations of their present and past commanders.

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Comment. Hengyang has been referred to as PAI Chung-hsi's stronghold.

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